

House Resolution 27 - Introduced

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 27

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1 A Resolution to acknowledge the genocide in Bosnia and
2 Herzegovina.

3 WHEREAS, the United States Senate and the United
4 States House of Representatives passed resolutions in
5 2005 acknowledging the genocide that Serbian forces
6 perpetrated in all of Bosnia from 1992 to 1995 and in
7 Srebrenica; and

8 WHEREAS, July 11, 2011, is commemorated as the
9 anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre, in which at
10 least 8,372 innocent Bosniak civilians were summarily
11 executed and 30,000 were expelled from their homes in
12 the worst atrocity in Europe since the Holocaust; and

13 WHEREAS, this anniversary raises awareness of the
14 tragic suffering of the Bosnian and Herzegovinian
15 people and honors and remembers those who died as
16 a result of the policies of ethnic cleansing and
17 aggression; and

18 WHEREAS, Iowans recognize the importance of this
19 event, which seeks to bring closure for the Bosnian and
20 Herzegovinian people through justice and truth; NOW
21 THEREFORE,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, That
23 the House of Representatives recognizes July 11, 2011,
24 as Srebrenica Remembrance Day in the State of Iowa; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
26 Representatives designates the week of July 11, 2011,
27 as Bosnia and Herzegovina Tribute Week in the State of

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1 Iowa; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of
3 Representatives calls upon all Iowans to work toward
4 ending the cycle of violence and to promote peaceful
5 coexistence among all people on Earth.